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FOR ACTION

PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION/ UNICEF/UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

1. In decision 1997/8 (E/ICEF/1997/12 (Part I)), adopted at the first regular session of 1997, the Executive Board welcomed recent decisions of the Exeutive Boards of both the World Health Organization (WHO) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)/United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) concerning the participation of UNFPA in the UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy. The UNICEF Executive Board recommended that the UNDP/UNFPA Board become a member of that Committee, to be renamed the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health (CCH). It also requested that proposals for revised terms of reference for the CCH be submitted for approval to the three Executive Boards.

2. Following consultations between the UNFPA, UNICEF and WHO secretariats, draft terms of reference for the CCH have been consolidated by WHO for consideration by the three Executive Boards. They were approved by the WHO Executive Board at its 100th session in May 1997 (see annex for the text of that decision and the draft terms of reference). At its annual session in June 1997, the UNDP/UNFPA Executive Board agreed to consider the draft terms of reference at its third regular session in September 1997 in order to give delegations adequate time to review them. At its annual session in June, the UNICEF Executive Board was informed of that decision, and at the suggestion of the President, also agreed to consider the draft terms of reference at its third regular session.

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RESOLUTION OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE WHO
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WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health

The Executive Board,

Noting the report of the Director-General on the preparation of terms of reference for an expanded UNICEF/WHO Joint Committee on Health Policy (JCHP) to include the Executive Board of UNDP/UNFPA, and which will be named "WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health" (CCH),[1]

1. APPROVES the terms of reference for the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health (CCH) as proposed by the Director-General in consultation with the Executive Director of UNICEF and the Executive Director of UNFPA (Annex);

2. REQUESTS the Director-General:

(1) to transmit this resolution to the Executive Boards of UNICEF and UNFPA;

(2) to report to the 101st session of the WHO Executive Board on progress made concerning the establishment of the WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health (CCH).

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[1] Document EB100/9 Add.1.

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WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA COORDINATING COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. The WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health (CCH) shall meet biennially, or in Special Session if required, normally in Geneva. The Committee shall be chaired in rotation by a member of the Executive Board of each organization; WHO, as the lead agency in international health, will chair the first session.

2. The role of the CCH will be:

- to review the overall needs for strategic, operational and technical coordination in the fields of maternal, child, adolescent and women's health and reproductive health including family planning and sexual health, ensure regular exchange of information in these areas and to make recommendations to the respective Executive Boards for follow-up action by the secretariats, as appropriate;

- to promote consistency in implementation strategies and activities among the three organizations and with other partners, for the maximum benefit of Member States, especially at the country level within the context of the Resident Coordinator system and, in this context, to ensure that these are guided by the overall policy framework for health development as defined by the World Health Assembly;

- to receive and review progress and assessment reports presented by the Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Executive Director of UNICEF or the Executive Director of UNFPA, on activities pertaining to the health of children, young people and women, including reproductive health, and to review any reorientation of strategy that may be necessary to meet agreed objectives;

- to consider matters of common concern to WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA which the Executive Boards or the Secretariats of the respective organizations may refer to this Committee;

- to report to the WHO, UNICEF and UNFPA Executive Boards on the foregoing matters.

3. The WHO/UNICEF/UNFPA Coordinating Committee on Health shall be composed of 16 members of the Executive Boards of the three organizations, such members being selected by their respective Boards on the basis of one from each region of the organization concerned.

4. WHO shall provide the Secretariat for the Committee and, in consultation with UNICEF and UNFPA, jointly convene intersecretariat meetings to prepare the agenda and supporting documentation for the sessions of the Committee.

5. Further intersecretariat meetings may be convened in alternate years, where appropriate with other organizations active in health, to ensure a coordinated approach at country level.

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